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The essays collected in this volume present the personal visions of several individuals, mostly librarians and other information professionals, on what the library might look like 25 or 30 years from now. The contributors represent a wide variety of libraries and related institutions on four continents. The essays collected are: "Introduction: Threat versus Opportunity" (F. W. Lancaster); "Shaping the Future for Libraries Through Leadership and Research" (W. David Penniman); "Libraries as Bridges; Librarians as Builders" (Pat Molholt); "The Neographic Library: A 30-Year Perspective on Public Libraries" (Kenneth E. Dowlin); "Visions of Academic Libraries in a Brave New Future" (Philip H. Young); "The Library of the Future" (David Raitt); "Libraries and Information Services in 25 Years' Time: A British Perspective" (Maurice B. Line); "Libraries and Information Services in Third World Countries" (A. Neelameghan); "Perspectives for Information Services and Professionals in Brazil" (Jeannette Marguerite Kremer); "The Metamorphosis of Libraries During the Foreseeable Future" (Frederick G. Kilgour); "Artificial Intelligence and Expert Systems: How Will They Contribute?" (F. W. Lancaster); and "The Virtual Information Center: Scholars and Information in the Twenty-First Century" (Lauren H. Seiler and Thomas T. Surprenant). (JLB)

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